Chrome Ore Mines Labour Welfare Fund.

The budget provision has been enhanced from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 20,000 and from Rs. 20,000 to 30,000 for the Mobile/Static and Static-Mobile dispensaries respectively with effect from 1st April, 1985. An amount of Rs. 3,88,055/- was disbursed as Scholarship to the children of Beedi Workers during 1984-85 in Bihar.

Industrial Tribunals

2905. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several Industrial Tribunals appointed by Government are unable to function because there are no judges; if so, what are the details thereof, Statewise;

(b) whether Government have received any representation in this regard; and

(c) if so, what decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) to (c) The Central Government is concerned with tral Government Industrial Tribunals cum-Labour Courts under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, to deal with the disputes falling within the Central Sphere. At present 10 such Central Tribunals are functioning. Three posts of Presiding Officers, Central Government Industrial Tribunal *cum-Labour Courts* No. 1 Dhanbad (Bihar). Asansol (West Bengal) and New Delhi are lying vacant at present.

Some representations relating to filling up of vacancies in the Central Industrial Tribunals have been received. The Ministry has since called for a panel of eligible Judicial Officer, who are willing to be considered for appointment for the post of Presiding Officers Central Industrial Tribunals from the States/Union Territory in which the courts are located and also neighbouring States. The recommendations of States/Union Territory are still awaited.

Disputes between Parle Beverages Bombay and Excise Department

2906. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dispute between Parle Beverages, Bombay and Excise Department regarding the assessable value has been settled;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether any discrepancies have been noticed by Government during the assessment of excise duty; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) M/s. Parle Beverages (P) Ltd., Bombay are manufacturers of aerated water. Central excise duty on this item is being levied at specific rates with effect from 1-3-1983. As such, assessable value is not material at present for levy of Central excise duty. However, there were cases of short payment of duty by this company partaining to periods prior to 28-2-1983, when assessment was based on wholesale cash price. Out of the four sets of such cases, two sets of cases have been decided, in one of which the company has filed a writ petition in the Bombay High Court challenging the decision of Collector of Central Excise, Bombay. The other two sets of cases are pending adjudication.

(c) No other discrepancy has been noticed.

(d) Does not arise.